

# The S.P.O.T. Express

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## SAVE A LIFE - FOSTER!

Each spring with the arrival of sunshine, warm temperatures and spring flowers, a different season arrives at Metro Animal Services (MAS)—kitten and puppy season. Countless owners of unaltered pets find themselves with unplanned litters of tiny puppies or kittens; others may wake to find a neighborhood stray has chosen their porch, deck, or shed as a birthing grounds. Most of these tiny babies, with or without their mothers, eventually end up here at MAS. Because they are so young and require extra care, our animal care staff could never care for them all—at least not without the help of foster families. Foster families are those with or without pets of their own who agree to open their homes to help care for these innocent baby cats and dogs until they are old enough to be adopted into their forever homes. Foster families are in control of the animals they care for: they decide the amount and type of animals they take into their home; the average foster length is two weeks. Throughout other months of the year, these same foster families help temporarily house animals who need some TLC. Without these caring foster families, hundreds of kittens and puppies would never have a chance at finding a forever home; we rely heavily on their help, especially during the spring. If you have the space in your home and heart to help a homeless litter, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 574-5556 to begin the process of becoming a foster family. You'll (temporarily!) enjoy the pitter patter of tiny paws and know you're giving an innocent animal what could be its only chance.

### Donate to MAS!

Your donation will help support and enhance programs that aren't covered by our general expenditures, such as The Spot Fund for our new state-of-the-art adoption campus, the animal care fund to enhance the lives of the animals in our shelter, and S.P.O.T., our low-cost, mobile spay and neuter clinic.

Click [here](#) to donate now!



### CALENDER

#### Upcoming events

April 9, 14, 24, & 28: volunteer orientations

April 16-18: Adoption Event at Hikes Point Market

April 26: HappyTail Hour

April 29: Pegasus Parade

April 30, May 1 & 2: PetSmart Adopt-a-thon

Click [here](#) for more information.

### WARMER WEATHER...

...means the arrival of warm weather pests! Fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and biting flies can cause a lot of discomfort for our pets, and many carry diseases. Be sure to maintain your pets' regular medications to repel insects and prevent transmittable diseases such as heartworms. If your pets aren't currently on preventatives, be sure to make an appointment with your veterinarian soon.

### WISHLIST

- Clorox bleach
- Spray bottles
- Adult dog & adult cat dry food
- Puppy and kitten dry food
- Canned food of all kinds
- Puppy and kitten formula
- Free standing shelving
- Paper towels
- Adopters & Foster Families!

Click [here](#) for our full list of needed items.

## Join us April 26 for HappyTail Hour!

**Who:** MAS, other area animal welfare agencies, pet-service vendors, and hundreds of Louisville area pets and their owners

**What:** HappyTail Hour, Louisville's only pet-friendly cocktail event on the waterfront!

**When:** Monday, April 26, 5pm-9pm

**Where:** The Great Lawn at Waterfront Park, part of Kroger's Kentucky Derby Fest-a-Ville (No admission fee for pets! Pegasus Pins required for admission for owners and non-furry guests)

**Why:** For FUN! This is Louisville's only pet-friendly cocktail and music event on the waterfront! MAS and other animal welfare groups will have pets for adoption on site, as well as experts to help answer all your pet-related questions!



## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Hello, MAS!

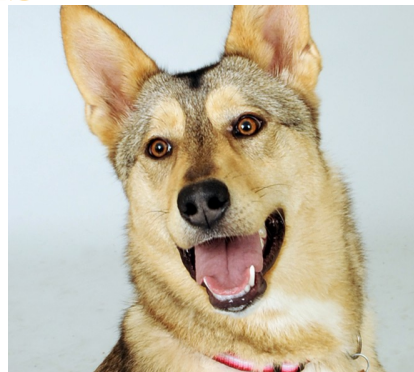
We wanted to update you on Bogey. We adopted him from you on Friday, February 12, 2010. At the time, he was a sad looking boy! His fur was horribly matted and he was pretty down in the dumps with a case of kennel cough. Soon enough though, he was feeling well enough to make his first visit to the groomer. You can see how happy he is to be free of all those mats in his photo; and doesn't he look handsome with his kerchief!

We couldn't have asked for a better dog. Bogey is well behaved and a blessing to us; he was a wonderful early Valentine! We just wanted to share his photo and let you know how happy we are to have added Bogey to our family. Thanks for such a wonderful dog!

Brenda & Jeff Hart

## PET PERSONALS

WOOF—I'm [Kina](#)! I'm 11 months old and a real beauty. I'm a cross between a German Shepherd and Siberian husky; everyone says I have that regal, Northern-breed look. I'm really curious about other dogs and I'm ready to start playing at a moment's notice. However, I respond really well when I'm being walked on a leash and you ask me to direct my attention away from distractions and back to you. I am energetic and will need a fenced-in yard so I can run and play. Also, I have pretty good manners already, but I'll need some refresher training to help me remember not to jump up or pull on the leash. Northern breeds tend to be independent and as such, I'm not very needy, but I do like to be petted and I'm very friendly. Please stop by MAS soon to see if I'm the right dog for your family! Just be sure to have my animal ID number handy when you do; that's 397444. I'm excited to meet you!



Prrrr....hi there, I'm [Harlee](#). I'm a gentle soul with beautiful, brightly-colored orange tabby markings. I may be easy-going, but I'm not the typical fat orange cat—I'm slim, and agile when I want to be. Most of the time, I'll be quite content to lounge in your lap or near you while you go about your household duties, but occasionally you might entice be with a great toy. As expected for a gentle orange tabby guy, I get along great with just about everyone and am not hard to please; just give me a warm place to sleep, love and affection (and of course the necessities like food, water, a litter box, and regular trips to the vet), and I'll be one happy guy! I hope to find someone who can give me those things soon—is it you? Come visit me in the cat room at MAS today and find out. And be sure to bring my animal ID number with you—405119. Thanks, and see you soon!



**UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY FEATURED PETS:** February's featured pets, Lily and Carla, were adopted into forever homes! Also, Jagger, our featured dog from January, finally found his forever home as well!

## CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR ADOPTABLE PETS HERE!

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